

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 822
By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Knox County Sheriff
Tim Hutchinson for winning the NSA's Ferris H.
Lucas Award for Sheriff of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor
those exemplary public servants whose intense dedication and hard work have had a significant
impact on Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Tim Hutchinson of Knox County is one such estimable citizen who is
most assuredly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Hutchinson is the winner of the 1998 National Sheriff's Association's
Ferris E. Lucas Award for Sheriff of the Year; and

WHEREAS, this honor brings great distinction for himself, his family and his community;
and

WHEREAS, a native of Knox County, Sheriff Tim Hutchinson is a graduate of West High
School and attended Cleveland State Community College; and

WHEREAS, he is also a graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training
Academy and the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Hutchinson began his meritorious career in the Knox County
Sheriff's Department twenty-three years ago, and since then he has astutely served as a Patrol

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Division Lieutenant, Traffic Division Sergeant, Detective of Auto Theft Division, Patrol Officer, Correctional Officer and Process Server; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Tim Hutchinson became Sheriff of Knox County, the largest Sheriff's department in East Tennessee with 840 support staff persons and certified officers; and

WHEREAS, under his sagacious leadership, Sheriff Hutchinson has instituted a K-9 Unit, a Dive Team, a Traffic Unit, a Special Operations and Tactics Team, and has upgraded the S.W.A.T. Team; and

WHEREAS, he also implemented the D.A.R.E. Program for Knox County fifth graders and is planning to expand the program into the middle schools; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Hutchinson also helped establish the Sheriff's Department Web page on the World Wide Web, the first Sheriff's Department in the world to do so; and

WHEREAS, he is also a member of numerous professional organizations, including the National Sheriff's Association, where he admirably chairs the Resolution Committee and is a member of the Drug Enforcement and Crime Prevention Committees; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Hutchinson also serves as Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Tennessee Sheriff's Association and is a member of the International Chiefs of Police; and

WHEREAS, despite the many demands placed upon him, Sheriff Hutchinson has participated in several community and volunteer activities, including the Board of Directors of the Knox County Enhanced 9-1-1 System; he formerly served on the Board of Directors of the United Way and the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Hutchinson served with acumen and acuity on the President's Council of Knoxville College; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Governor Don Sundquist appointed Sheriff Hutchinson to the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, of which he was elected Vice-Chair in 1996 and Chair in 1997; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Sheriff Tim Hutchinson is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Jan, and their two daughters, Leah and Carrie; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this legislative body should pause in their deliberations to specially honor and recognize the accomplishments of this outstanding gentleman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Knox County Sheriff Tim Hutchinson for winning the 1998 National Sheriff's Association's Ferris H. Lucas Award for Sheriff of the Year, and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for Sheriff Hutchinson with this final clause omitted from such copy.